

Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services

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Monthly Meeting

Minutes

June 13, 2003

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Present	Marc Avni, Martha Becker, Joanne Brekke, Thelma Coney, John Holecek, Will Parry, Helen Spencer, Alexandra Tu, and Larry Verhei
Excused	Cleo Corcoran, Gabe Cohen, Timmie Faghin, Adam John, John Kennedy, Larry Low, Suzanne Wiley, and Lisa Yeager
Absent	Steve Colwell, Yolanda Sanchez-Lovato, and Richard McIver
Guests	Kathy Hultquist, and David Trainer
ADS Staff	Pamela Piering, Rosemary Cunningham, Linda Wells, Margaret Casey, and Ozell Bledsoe
United Way Staff	Linda Woodall

MINUTES

Will Parry, Vice-Chair, convened the June Advisory Council meeting at 12:00 p.m. and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves. He introduced the speaker, **Rosemary Cunningham**, Planning Unit Supervisor, Aging & Disability Services.

Program Topic: “The Inner Workings of Aging & Disability Services Budget”

Rosemary Cunningham provided an overview of Aging and Disability Services revenue sources, levels of discretionary funding and service area mix using revenue figures from the 2002 Area Plan Update. The three major revenue sources are federal (82%), state (8%), and local (10%). The largest share of federal dollars comes from Medicaid (69%) and the Older Americans Act (12%). The state portion of the budget consists mostly of the Senior Citizens Services Act and Respite Services. The biggest local fund sources are the City of Seattle (7%) and client contributions (2%) which consist of congregate and home delivered meal donations and sliding fees for services such as Adult Day Health.

Rosemary also discussed the levels of discretion that funding sources allow: categorical, limited discretion, and discretionary. **Categorical funds** strictly designate what types of services are allowed and the characteristics of who can be served. Funds with **limited discretion** limit the service areas but allow the local Area Agency on Aging to determine the amount of funding allocated to service areas. **Discretionary funds** allow ADS more flexibility to identify service

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areas and amounts allotted for each service area. Rosemary discussed each of the major ADS fund sources in terms of the level of discretion assigned by the funding source.

To see the power point presentation that accompanied the discussion, look at the Advisory Council website at the following address: www.adsadvisorycouncil.org, under the June Minutes.

BUSINESS MEETING

It was moved and seconded that the May 9th minutes be approved as submitted.

Committee and Task Force Reports:

- **Planning and Allocation**

Thelma Coney

- Thelma reported the P&A Committee was given a review, by ADS Staff, of Nutrition service areas: including the congregate meal program, home delivered meal program, the Seniors Farmer Market Program and the Refugee Nutrition/Wellness Program; ADS Budget (part II) for the July AC Meeting; and update of the 2003 - 04 Revenue Guideline from Sponsors, in preparation for the 2004 discretionary allocations process.

Action: No Actions Taken.

- **Outreach and Advocacy Committee**

Gabe Cohen

- **Helen Spencer** reported the committee recommended sending a letter to Governor Locke requesting he sign Senate Bill 6088, the Prescription Drug Reform Bill making prescription drugs more affordable to certain groups, as passed by the legislature and also sending an E-Mail as a follow-up.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded, that a letter would be sent to Governor Locke requesting he sign Senate Bill 6088 as passed by the legislature and sending an E-Mail as a follow-up.

- Helen reported the committee also recommended sending a letter to the Governor expressing deep concern over ESHB 2257 – legislation which drops allowable spousal assets from \$90,000 down to \$40,000 because it puts at risk the at-home spouses of individuals receiving care in institutions.

Action Taken: It was moved and seconded that a letter would be sent to the Governor expressing deep concern over legislation which drops allowable spousal assets from \$90,000 down to \$40,000 because it puts at risk the at-home spouses of individuals receiving care in institutions.

- **Health Care Task Force**

Martha Becker

- Larry Verhei reported on new Hearing Speech & Deafness Center services; the next HCTF meeting date (July 1) and the August meeting is canceled.

Action Taken: None

- **Director's Report**

Pamela Piering

- Pam reported on the Mayor's reception for Boards and Commissions at the Benaroyal Hall on June 9th also expect possible ADS Budget and Funding cuts ahead due to adjustments in the State budget, and ADS held an Area Plan Staff Forum at the Museum of Flight on June 10th. She has accepted an invitation to Washington DC to attend the National Council on Aging Conference regarding Health Promotion Access. Pam will miss the August AC meeting due to vacation from July 28 – Aug 19 to attend her son's wedding in Kenya.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Day/date: **Friday, August 8, 2003**

Time: **12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Place: **13th Floor Conference Room
Alaska Building, 618 Second Ave
Seattle, WA 98104**

Will Parry, Vice-Chair _____